

**COMMENTS MADE ON
THE PETITION
TO REVIEW THE HOLISTIC
INFORMATION, SUPPORT AND
COUNSELLING SERVICE
FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 16 - 25 IN
YORK, CURRENTLY PROVIDED BY
SUPPORT WORKERS, CAREERS ADVISORS
AND
COUNSELLORS AT
CASTLEGATE.**

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Letter: Greetings,

Review the decision to remove the provision of holistic information, support and counselling for young people 16-25 in York, provided by Support Workers, Careers Advisors and Counsellors at Castlegate

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| Julia Glennon | Manchester, United Kingdom | 2014-10-04 | This is a much needed service threatened by a short sighted decision |
| carole Pugh | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-04 | This is a vital service- please take time to explore alternatives rather than cutting the holistic support straight away. |
| Jessica Stacey | york, United Kingdom | 2014-10-04 | I and my friends have received support and help from this service and it would be a big loss for the youth of York. In desperate times with unemployment at a high as much as possible must be available to support the youth. |
| Matthew Lyall | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-04 | It's done so much good, it will be a terrible loss. |
| Lucy Briden-Kenny | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-04 | Young people need a service they can access free, that will provide them with help, advice and support at the most difficult times of their lives. |
| Victoria Wing | London, United Kingdom | 2014-10-04 | It is important that successful organisations are supported not scrapped. It also seems very important that non-governmental associations are available as they may feel more approachable to people in need |
| Roy Blacker | Wakefield, United Kingdom | 2014-10-04 | Because I care about vulnerable people |
| Chris Moores | Birmingham, United Kingdom | 2014-10-04 | It is worth reading the consultation report. It is, in my view, very poorly put together, has a disingenuous rationale, and is based on sketchy empirical and theoretical grounds. https://mail.google.com/_/scs/mail-static/_/js/k=gmail.main.en.5cQlRk-UspA.O/m=m_i,t,it/am=HCOG-3_3B5Ez3KVPqv3733efFD97T_7vTQAK7ATA_83-H0CvgX1Qfmg/rt=h/d=1ft=zcms/rs=AltRSTNlKp2Th4RtXrAb7LGiGuQVsgpPdA 'Targeting' is, probably, a step backwards in dealing with young people's sense of vulnerability. Creating an appropriate space where people who have identified their own needs can raise these with experienced and knowledgeable professionals working around young people's own terms seems a much more progressive and practical way of dealing with the broad range of issues which might be encompassed in the multiple and complex experiences that we have all faced in becoming an adult. |
| David Rigby | Kelfield, United Kingdom | 2014-10-04 | My son has used the service and found it very useful. |
| Margaret Eyre | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-04 | There is a real shortfall of services for vulnerable young people in York to find both practical and emotional support, and Castlegate has been a unique and effective service for many years. The amount of money saved by its closure is minimal compared to the benefit it is able to provide to the young people of the city of York. |
| David Potter | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-04 | Keep this vital service for young people in York |
| victoria hoggarth-hall | york, United Kingdom | 2014-10-04 | Do not put vanity projects before a real service which helps so many in york. Put them first. |

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| Geraldine Casswell | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-04 | The mental health of young people is never so more important and th eprovision of relatively inexpensive provision will save money in the future but improve the quality of these lives forever |
| Emma J | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-04 | why are the most vulnerable always the ones that have to pay the biggest price for the folly of those with money? Castlegate does good work. Let it continue. |
| Michael Storey | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-04 | I think it's incredibly short sighted. These kids are the future and need to be supported. |
| Lauren McBride | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-04 | As a teacher, I have a passion for supporting youth and youth work. I have seen the links castlegate had with schools and it is bitterly disappointing to see youth services being cut. Who is left to support young people without places like castlegate? |
| Pete Kilbane | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-04 | Vulnerable and marginalised young people need the services that the Castlegate team provide. West Offices is a poor substitute. Our young people deserve better. |
| Miriam Eyre | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-04 | Castlegate is a really useful and supportive tool for young people and needs to be kept! |
| Rachael FoxEvans | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-04 | I used to work for the Youth Service in York and am saddened by how much services for young people are gradually being eroded both locally and nationally. |
| Jane Collingwood | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-04 | I'm signing because I know just how much support vulnerable young people need. And Castlegate offers something very special in a small intimate setting, offering a discreet and personal service to young people alienated by unapproachable large institutions. Castlegate makes the difference that helps young people turn their lives round. |
| John Corden | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-04 | The team based at Castlegate has offered great support over the years, particularly for some of the most vulnerable young people with whom I and my colleagues work. |
| David Moores | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-04 | As a former swcondary school teacher I know what valuable work Castlegate does with young people in York. |
| Beth Hurrell | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-04 | I have heard excellent things about the service that Castlegate offers and the proposals to remove this service has saddened and angered me. A service focusing on Education, Employment and Training for 16 - 19 year olds fails to address the barriers and problems that young people face, it also reduces the target group from ages 25 to 19. I fear it will put more pressure on other advice services, or more likely there will be a gap in the help and support young people can access which is an incredibly worrying thing. |
| Faye Palmer | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-04 | This is a useful and important service which shouldn't be cut or moved. Keep castlegate open! |
| hannah hutchinson | United Kingdom | 2014-10-04 | services like castlegate29 help young people in a huge way, in all areas of life. they have helped me a number of time in finding jobs and filling out forms. it would cause a lot more problems for young people who wish to seek help if they cannot get the help they need so easily. |
| Teresa Humphries | YORK, United Kingdom | 2014-10-04 | Because what Alexander and cronies are doing to York is despicable |
| Elaine Hunt | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-04 | It is vital that young people in York have a place that they feel comfortable visiting. It is vital that Castlegate remains open, The West Offices is not a suitable alternative. |
| sarah warren | york, United Kingdom | 2014-10-04 | Dedicated services for young people are important. |

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| Susie Fothergill Fothergill | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-04 | vulnerable young people need a secure place and trusted adults with whom they can confide and seek support. Marginal and short-term cost savings from closure will be far outweighed by long term impact and costs of sorting out problems later on |
| Leone Bentley | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-04 | Young people are our future. |
| Phil Stanley | Swindon, United Kingdom | 2014-10-04 | Grew up in York. Great and much needed service. Where will young people get this support and information if the set up at Castlegate is changed? |
| Denise Craghill | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-04 | This is an xcellent service easily accessible for all who need it. Locating it in the council offices and reducing the staff is bound to lead to a reduced service which those who most need it will be unlikely to access. |
| Clare Rowntree | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-04 | The young people of York need this service now more than ever before, this service benefits every York resident because everyone benefits when young people are in employment . |
| Fiona Long | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-04 | I work with young people in York and know how valuable this resource has been to them. |
| j heald | york, United Kingdom | 2014-10-04 | This is such an important place and a much needed service for our young people. Too many cuts hitting the most vulnerable because they dont have the fat wallets and lawyers to back them. Its time the little man took a stand. |
| Kathryb Roper | Hexham, United Kingdom | 2014-10-04 | Young people need and deserve the support and professionalism provided by Castlegate. Closure is shortsighted, detrimental and unnecessary. Please think again. |
| George Vickers | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-04 | This is a time when young people nee as much guidance as possible |
| Almighty Xenu | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-05 | A democracy supports every member of society, not just the wealthy |
| Kelly Elsegood | Wellington, New Zealand | 2014-10-05 | This issue affects the health and wellbeing of local young people, with detrimental implications for everybody's future. |
| Gemma woods | Seiby, United Kingdom | 2014-10-05 | I'm signing because it's a well known useful service for young people and young adults which has a whole range of support available from careers to mental health support. |
| Eoin JK | york, United Kingdom | 2014-10-05 | Eoin |
| Natalie santo | Otley, United Kingdom | 2014-10-05 | Thus service is needed by the young people of York. |
| Louise Simpson | Tadcaster, United Kingdom | 2014-10-05 | this is a service used my my own children and their friends who have needed emergency housing and emergency sexual health advice. Also as a professional I have used castle gate to refer vulnerable young people who I have worked with for immediate support from experienced workers who are trained to support yound people. |
| Rebecca Grigg | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-05 | Without Castlegate, I wouldnt be who I am today! |
| David Storey | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-05 | Young people should go to surroundings where they feel comfortable and free to talk about their problems. West offices are too off putting for young people to express their deepest thoughts. |
| Helen Cadbury | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-05 | Many young people in York access this service, I've been able to signpost people to it who have been In urgent need. My own kids have even taken friends there who were in crisis. This is an essential and preventative service. Closing it will create more costs down the line. |
| Angela Miller | Redcar, United Kingdom | 2014-10-05 | This is a fantastic provision for our young people. Without it we would have even less provisions for our vulnerable young people. |

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| Jackie Thompson | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-05 | My son is likely to need this service and he would not, under any circumstances, approach someone for help in a large office full of official looking people. Before long it will be withdrawn completely due to poor take up and our young people will be just left without the much needed support. |
| J Thomas | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-05 | I've been supported so well there personally and professionally |
| Lara McClure | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-05 | this is a unique resource that won't be easily replaced |
| Liam Ledgeaway | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-05 | It would be a travesty if this place were to shut down. The amount of support it gives to the young people of York is incredible! |
| Natasha Childs | Fulford, United Kingdom | 2014-10-05 | This is a service I really respected and valued growing up in York. It helped me through a lot and the information I got and the friendly nature of the team made me feel safe. Young people of York would suffer from losing this. |
| Rebecca Gale | Pontefract, United Kingdom | 2014-10-05 | Castle gate provides support for many young people in the York area, having worked with young people who use the service u have been able to see first hand the good work they do. So important to to support our youth. |
| Laura Davidson | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-05 | This is a matter close to me |
| Emma Thompson | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-05 | I have used this service myself and know family members who very recently received vital help from this service. It is a vital one for York's young people and the council needs to commit to its holistic help of young people in the city. |
| David Gibbon | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-05 | It is essential that you people have the support they need at this difficult time for all people . |
| anne pemberton | leeds, United Kingdom | 2014-10-05 | Young people can be very vulnerable in during transition to adulthood. It is important that they are supported through an often confusing / fraught time in their lives. Please review your decision. |
| Julie Burgess | Leeds, United Kingdom | 2014-10-05 | I know through my work with vulnerable young people that many will feel too intimidated by West Offices to cross the threshold. Listen to those who know and understand what works. Please re-consider this proposal. |
| Kin Yung Chiew | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-05 | We should not fail the younger generation that still rely on us to speak and vote for their futures. If this provision is removed, is there anything 'better' that is taking its place? |
| Chris Fuller | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-05 | This is an incredibly bad decision given the vulnerability of young people today to all forms of exploitation |
| Elizabeth Alderdice | Aberdeen, United Kingdom | 2014-10-05 | One of my closest friends used the services here when he was having an incredibly touch time in his life, he was almost too scared to ask for help but did so because these services in this building are welcoming and as non-intimidating as possible, without these specific services in this specific building I don't know what he would have done or how on earth he would have coped on his own. Please do not scrap, reduce or move these services. |
| Neel Khan | Sheffield, United Kingdom | 2014-10-05 | Because I feel that everyone is entitled to equality regardless of who they are or their background |
| Freddie Hall | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-05 | I received the help I needed there. |
| Jean Hilton | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-05 | This is a crucial facility for young people who require help and guidance in York. Many would not feel comfortable going to the West Offices. |
| Paul Ward | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-05 | I know a number of young people who have benefited from this centre, some of which may not be with us had they not benefited from the assistance provided. |
| Arthur Palfrey | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-05 | Currently assisting my daughter when other depts will not/cannot. |
| Rory Allen | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-05 | Investment in preventing disaster in the lives of young people pays off in the long run. |

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| Emma Christie | Leeds, United Kingdom | 2014-10-05 | Having a discreet building that is specific for those young people is important. Intercoms, offices, big buildings, out of the way places. All of these put young people off. It's not just the service that's important, it's how it's delivered, how easily a young person can access it and how comfortable they are turning up. |
| Polly Griffith | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-05 | By cutting this relatively inexpensive service, the council is setting up problems for the future, problems that will be much more expensive to address at that point. This is a false economy. |
| Ruth Caine | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-05 | Sometimes young people REALLY NEED someone other than family or friends and this place provides just that. |
| Mary Crawford | york, United Kingdom | 2014-10-05 | It is a service valued by and accessible to vulnerable young people who will be intimidated by West Offices |
| Claire Medley | Spain | 2014-10-05 | Young people need help and support that they can access easily. |
| Debbie Dawson | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-05 | I have counselled young people at Castlegate and have witnessed how important this service is. If we provide mental health care to this age group, it is an investment for their future and for the future of the wider population. |
| Felicity Waldron | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-05 | Castle gate provides a valuable service to young people |
| Simon Davis | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-05 | Youth services in the city have been slashed over the past 10 years. This essential service will be sorely missed. |
| KATRINA LAMB | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-05 | This has been a valuable and much used service for young people over many years. Where else can young people go for unbiased, truthful information and help? |
| Amanda Griffiths | Selby, United Kingdom | 2014-10-05 | This is a vital service that should continue to be funded. It is important that early intervention is provided to young people so that potential mental health problems can be dealt with as early as possible so they do not go on to suffer longer-term mental health problems in adulthood. |
| Adrian Clayton | YORK, United Kingdom | 2014-10-05 | There's no substitute for this service. |
| Jessie west | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-05 | because it does so much for young people and is a real support and comfort for them. without it many young people will feel they are alone and unsupported |
| gwen vardigans | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | This age group desperately need this facility |
| dawn tanton | selby, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | Counselling is so important especially for the young |
| Marcia Mackey | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | The closure of this centre would be a huge loss for York. Troubled young people don't want council buildings, they want neutrality. And restricting the age to 16-19 is also a mistake. Many young people face huge difficulties with employment, housing and in some cases have children of their own to support by the age of 25 - we're storing up trouble for future generations by removing this service. |
| Denise Magson | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | Yet another rubbish decision by York City Council |
| John Sharpe | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | It's important because young people from troubled homes have almost nothing to help them. York CC makes great play of its support to vulnerable children and young adults. It should do as it says. |
| Elaine Tanton | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | As a mother of a teenager I feel young people need more help and support, not essential counselling services being taken away from them! |
| jane Boylan | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | The loss of this essential commodity leaves youths of York with no provision for a drop in centre for impartial advice and support and guidance. |
| Natasha Almond | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | To create a period of time to consider setting up as a social enterprise |

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| Nick How | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | Short sighted cost savings will end up costing the City considerably more in the long run ... providing support and assistance to young adults so they can play a productive role in the life of the city has to be worthwhile. The real decision on budgets is where to allocate them so perhaps savings could be made amongst Director's and Kirsten England's pay package. Clearly we are not all in it together when it comes to cutting vital services. |
| Stef Bricklebank | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | I'm signing because I think it is wrong the provision should not move to West Offices, as the young people won't feel comfortable accessing it there. It is not young people friendly. There is little provision left in this city for young people, if you take away Castlegate there will be nothing left. |
| beth wilson | london, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | Young people are the future and need investing int, this kind of centre is crucial for some young people, the kind of young people who are often overlooked. |
| Jill Dance | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | I work with young people and know the vital services Castlegate provide and believe that the change of venue will be a barrier for young people to access the remaining services |
| Ruth Greaves | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | Young people need a space which will encourage them to access and engage with services. West Offices won't offer this. |
| Jayne Everard | Stillington, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | withdrawal of vital services to young people |
| Pat Norris | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | This service supports highly vulnerable young people who will be without any support as there are no alternative services unless their needs deteriorate in terms of their mental health, becoming homeless etc. |
| Andrea Hughes | Beverley, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | I'm signing because this service and the support and difference it makes to young people in turmoil is essential - immeasurable. |
| justine alford | salisbury, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | It affects several friends. |
| Dominique hamnett | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | we need services for young people! |
| Jo Nash | Didcot, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | Services to help those suffering with mental health problems should be available for everyone. |
| Gwen swinburn | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | I'm signing because I am sick of York Labour dropping these key services to support the most at risk in our community. Meanwhile they shovel millions into their vanity projects. I voted labour to make sure services such as these continued. We have the worst scenario - York labour abandons the weakest & borrows for vanity. |
| samantha ree | york, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | I'm signing because this resource makes a huge difference to the lives of young people in york and would be sorely missed. |
| Louise Carter | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | Castlegate is a brilliant place for you people to just chat and find useful information in the comfort of a friendly environment with friendly and helpful people. You guys helped me out a lot with my self esteem and anxiety and were always there to give me cv advice. |
| Richard Copley | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | It is imperative that COYC support young people both into employment and with all aspects of life. This is a vital service COYC should not be allowed to undercut such a supportive and influential service at a time when young people need as much help as possible moving into work. |
| marcia turner | eltham, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | my sister-in-law in York works in this field and I am always so impressed and humbled by the work she and her colleagues do for these vulnerable children (and they are still children). please review your decision after talking to the staff. |

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| Jennifer Stone | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | This is a vital service for the young people of York and would be a massive loss if it was removed. |
| Michael Pavlovic | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | The most vulnerable need our help. This from a Labour Council? You should be ashamed |
| Samantha Simms | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | My daughter finds castle gate very helpful it has helped her find a job and if she needs any future help I know i can rely on them, they should stay put. |
| Kay Hadley | Dartford, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | I am originally from York so still care about local interests. During my childhood there I knew many friends with issues relating to drugs, bullying and parental problems. Without safe gawebs like this one young people will be lost to the harsh realities they must face alone. This hurt passes through generations, so it is vital to take care of the young in order to ensure a better future for York and the world. X |
| Liz Douglas | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | Young people need all the help and support there is nowadays, drop in's are essential to build trust |
| Adrian Widdowson | Leeds, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | I am Chair of the Trustees of York CAB, so I believe that advice services provide an invaluable service to people in need. But the provision of that advice needs to be designed for the sector of the population that it is aimed at. Castlegate does a great job with young people and it would be extremely difficult for other advice agencies to pick that work up. |
| pam hanley | york, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | Because at this crucial stage in their lives, young people need somewhere they feel comfortable going to seek advice and support. |
| nigel ayre | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | Earloy intervention and preventative care is essential, to cut such services is ill thought out and morally wrong |
| Deb Smith | Harrogate, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | I wish this sort of thing had been available when I was young. Moving to a more establishment-biased service is a retrograde step |
| Sarah Wilson | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | The needs of vulnerable (and otherwise) young people should not be overlooked!! If we can invest in for-profit public transport providers, we can invest in our young people, their needs and their futures!! |
| Barbara Rayment | Cheam, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | Young people are bearing the brunt of cuts. This is a short-term saving for long term personal and financial costs. |
| Amanda Ha | Nelson, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | I'm signing because this place has saved one of my niece's best friends. Saved, as in not dead. |
| craig atkin | york, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | the centre has offered me tremendous support in the past which has helped me to progress and lead a fulfilling life. Future generations should be afforded this. moving the centre to west offices would take away the calming setting which allows one to speak openly and freely and get the help one needs. |
| Jesse Ringham | London, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | Young people are our future. There is nothing like the help, advice and support of people face-to-face rather than the cold front over a computer. |
| Sheena Hepple | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | I work with children and families. REcently the only service that the GP could recommend some parents that I am working with was the counselling service at Castlegate - other services available through the GP were so booked up that they could not offer any help in a timescale that would support my family. If this service is no longer available then my family would have had no help at all. |
| Andrea Dudding | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | Children and young people are our future. Sacrificed on the altar of Tory budget cutsto Local Government |

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| Martin Williams | London, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | <p>City of York & James Alexander - the evidence-base strongly supports the view that YIAC's (Youth Information, Advice & Counselling services) such as Castlegate save statutory funding over the longer term when compared to generic advice provision or no service provision. Young people have been disproportionately hit by the recession & cuts in public spending and are always the last to benefit in an economic upturn. Please review the decision to make further cuts to valuable safety-nets that young people turn to when in crisis/need. It will end up costing you money in the longer term.</p> <p>At very least consult the evidence base first (http://www.youthaccess.org.uk/uploads/documents/TheOutcomesAndImpactOfYouthAdvice-The-Evidence_FINAL_1.pdf)</p> |
| Neil Burke | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | <p>Already marginalised young people will not access support housed in 'traditional' council premises. The measure of a community/society can be gauged by the support given to its most vulnerable citizens. Think again about this short-sighted decision.</p> |
| Ali Vincent | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | <p>I have a teenage daughter and any resource that can be of assistance to teenagers in York cannot be over-valued. School is good but impartial advice is so important to young people who may have issues with other mainstream organisations</p> |
| Barry Beckwith | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | <p>I have worked with many youngsters who would quite easily fall into the category of needing the help of such a centre. Find it deplorable that the council should adjudicate on such an important issue by bringing it into the sphere of cost saving.</p> |
| Ben Drake | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | <p>Branch Chair, York City UNISON</p> |
| Athenoula Bartley Sophocleous | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | <p>this has provided me with important help over the last 8 years.</p> |
| Janice Peacock | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | <p>my daughter is 19yrs old and I think she and her friends will benefit from the service</p> |
| John Gilham | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | <p>Young people are the future - but some need help to reach their full potential.</p> |
| Lindsey Piercy | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | <p>I have seen the excellent preventative work that Castlegate do and this saves the council thousands of pounds in the long run. The West Offices do not have the expertise in working with young people and I do not believe it can ever have the same relaxed open access feel. If the rent is too high then as per the wishes of young people relocate to cheaper city centre venue but they categorically stated in the consultation that they would not use West Offices. Please listen.</p> |
| Mary Harlington | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | <p>We must support our young people in a way which is appropriate for them to feel positive and encouraged.</p> |
| Francis Eyre | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | <p>As a York GP I have found the services of the Castlegate centre indispensable over the past few years. I work extensively with young people and removing it would clearly leave a massive hole in terms of the care of a patient group which already struggles to access services. Please do not close it.</p> |
| Charli Martin | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | <p>This centre is vital to support young people in York.</p> |
| Cathy Denford | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | <p>Having worked with vulnerable young people, I am aware how much support they need. At this time, since the crash, when their prospects are limited, their need for this support is great</p> |

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| james crossman | knarborough, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | Having worked with young people in York I know how important it is. |
| Graham Todd | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | As former youth centre leader and teacher I am well aware of the good work that has taken place over the years at firstly the Youth Enquiry Service and then Castlegate. The location is so important for young people to feel comfortable and the Station Rise West offices will not be a suitable location. |
| Lesley Hutchinson | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | Many young people need this service |
| Rhonda Hackett | york, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | I'm signing because they do such a great job for the york youngsters, 16yrs+ struggle enough without their support they will have nowhere to turn for help with work/training, young lone parents, homelessness, counselling.....list is endless.. |
| Heather McKenzie | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | Young people deserve to be cared for and supported appropriately. Their needs should be paramount in the future planning of CYC services and it is clear that the current holistic approach, developed through many years of experience, is very much needed and valued by young people and their families. If we are serious about supporting and allowing our children and young people to develop to their full potential then the city should prioritise that which is truly best for them and not make them fit into a plan which doesn't prioritise them. |
| Paul Doughty | United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | It's too important to play politics with the young and vulnerable in York |
| David Smith | Strensall, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | I don't understand this proposal. The York Mental Health Forum haven't been consulted, early intervention in mental ill-health is proven to be effective and this age group are a key cohort. There is no available alternative to this service and young people may struggle to use services at West Offices. |
| Alice Tuckey | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | This centre is so badly needed. Our country is in the midst of a growing mental health crisis and cutting services like this is not only to fail the vulnerable members of society who have so much use for it, but also to cause the country longer-term, higher expenses in dealing with the future, much more severe outcomes from lack of access to mental health and other support. It is vital we keep services which are accessible to those who need them most. |
| Emily wood | Haxby, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | It is a vital service that York's young people NEED. Many young people will be left isolated and vulnerable at what can be a very complicated and confusing time. We need to support our young people to help them achieve and succeed. As cliché as it sounds they are our future and we must support and help them achieve and starve young people of this support is failing them. |
| James Kenrick | London, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | Castlegate is exactly the kind of service local Councils should be investing in. Not only does it seem obvious that cutting this service will cost more in social services, housing and health costs - but there's academic research by UCL proving it. Complete madness! I presume someone in the Council is protecting their own job here..... |
| karen little | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | It is an important resource for young people |
| Mark Sessions | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | i believe this centre gives huge support to young people |
| Matt Collins | york, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | It is a valuable service that is needed for the young people of York. James Alexander, you really don't have a clue. |
| Vicky Walpole | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | I rarely sign petitions and I do appreciate the council's difficulties in addressing its cuts in funding from central government. However I really care about this service because it provides accessible help for York's most vulnerable young people. |

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| Jake Cook | Newcastle, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | This centre was an invaluable saviour at the rare times I felt low, lost and lonely as a youth. The young need these, parents and friends aren't always an option. Peace |
| Penelope Hutchinson | New Earswick, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | I have referred many young people to find reliable and non-stigmatising advice at Castlegate. Young people need somewhere private to seek advice on sensitive issues! |
| Chris teesdale | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | this is a really vital service for our young people some of them very vulnerable. It would be a disaster if it was no longer available in an accessible way. |
| Shelley Postchild | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | I have signposted family members there in my professional role and my own teenager daughter used this invaluable resource |
| David Alsop | London, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | I am signing because I believe strongly that support like this should not be removed and this is a backward step towards progress in the the community. |
| Philippa Davitt | Selby, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | Castlegate as a service is a true asset to York, and in many ways a life line to the people who access it. Castlegate is a safe space, providing support for young people making the often difficult transition into adulthood. I would like to think that I am an example of the above. Thanks to Castlegate I turned around what I thought was the worst part of my life, into something positive. This enabled me to start my journey to becoming a youth worker. I owe them not just for this, but for turning my life around and giving it a purpose. I am one individual but there are many more like me, and there should be more to come. |
| Abbi Nicolson | york, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | People have little enough faith in politics as it is without losing the one place they can be honest without becoming a statistic. |
| Pauline Golden | YORK, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | Young people need a venue tailored to their needs where they can feel comfortable going , they might not otherwise approach services aimed at adults of all ages because of a lack of confidence |
| Sue Jarvis | Sherburn in Elmet, United Kingdom | 2014-10-06 | Too many youth provisions are being axed across the county |
| Catherine Heinemeyer | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | Because young people are under incredible strain and the cuts are already biting them too hard. They need guidance to navigate the increasingly thick jungle. |
| Andrew milson | Bubwith, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | youth services are grossly underfunded. More intervention work should be done earlier. Saves money. Saves minds. |
| Debbie Barron | Rawcliffe, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | I'm signing because it is morally bankrupt to remove such vital services for young people. Early intervention will prevent future problems and will save money in the long run. |
| Jacquie Benson | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | As a school nurse I regularly refer young people to this service there is nowhere else they can use that is free and young people focussed. With the increase in mental health problems in young people its vital there is somewhere that offers them support |
| Kerry Pentland | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | I'm signing because this service is needed |
| Rachel Colbeck | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | Essential service to young people. |
| Madeleine Norman | Norrkoping, Sweden | 2014-10-07 | Because everyone, everywhere should get the help they need! |
| Lynne Parnell | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | I have witnessed first hand the support and expertise offered in a calm, friendly manner to an extremely vulnerable young person, who had precious little support in her life. The approachable and friendly venue was hugely important. |

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| Simon Hodges | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | This place has helped me a lot in trying to find a place to work some years ago, and for where to start in getting on in my future. I will not want to see this place shut down! |
| Elaine Aldous | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | 16-25 year olds need their own services in neutral surroundings |
| Maureen Laverack | YORK, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | A central base and a valuable service for young people. |
| Rose Berl | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | Young people have potential for good and bad and it is short-sighted to reduce help to those who haven't become set in their ways. |
| Anne Forbester | YORK, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | All young people need to be given a chance. 29 Castlegate provides it. Local Authority doesn't come anywhere near. |
| Laura Haviland | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | I think it is important to listen carefully to the views of the people that use this service before a decision is taking. It seems illogical to cut a service that connects with young adukts and likley prevents much greater social costs in the long term. |
| Bryan Hopson | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | Fed up of labour cuts, yet they can pay ceo's over £700+ per day! Not falling for labour lies anymore |
| Janice Midwood | North Yorkshire., United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | I feel that Castlegate is so important for young people to have somewhere to go and discuss their problems with someone who is able to listen, paraphrase and reflect back and so help them makes sense of their feelings. It is also an important site to help build confidence through help with cv writing and interview techniques. Rather than close the centre I think it would be marvellous if you could build it up and so reach so many more young people. Some young people feel so lost and isolated please don't take this away from them. |
| Kes Webster | york, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | This is an important service that stabilises, like many others we may lose, people. |
| samantha dobson | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | The staff who work at Castlegate support students across the city both in and out of schools. They do a brilliant job helping them make key decisions about their future and support them in seeing this through. |
| Diane Bull | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | These services are partcularly important in a society where stable family relationships and that enviroment are less common |
| Anthony Cassidy | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | 40 years supporting Special Needs young people in their education |
| Adele Dyson | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | It is essential our 16-25 year olds have somewhere to turn for support - we don't want more teenage suicides! |
| Sarah Dodsworth | YORK., United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | It would seem this is just another service which is not being fully valued for the difference it makes when supporting vulnerable young people. |
| Samantha Capone | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | I have worked for young people's services for 12 years before being made redundant, this service is vital to the young people of York! Without it they have nothing, the staff work tirelessly to make that centre run, shutting it would be the final nail in the coffin of youth support in York! |
| Jade Hallett | york, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | Because its in a good place and the place really helps me when i need support, the staff are incredibly helpfull . |
| Lewis Williams | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | Provided vital help. Of great benefit to people to use and society in general. |
| caroline hudson | york, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | I use to work at Castlegate. Now I work elsewhere I see how ahead of its time it is and how there is no where else that actually helps young people at risk as opposed to ticking boxes. Castlegate bridges the gap between school, FE and welfare services and the NHS (whom young people find extremely hard to access). |

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| Andrew Goodwin | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | I am a young peoples counsellor and very concerned at the reduction of services in this valuable area of support in the York area |
| Julianne Brown | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | As my daughter and family use this service, have 2 teenage children. |
| Sam Punn | Ross on Wye, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | All young people need a safe place to go, to talk, to get good advice and be supported in their transition to adulthood. Places like this are invaluable. |
| Henry Raby | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | Yet another attack on young people, yet another reason for them to hate the system. |
| Kayleigh - Ann Cordell | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | This place was a great deal of help to me growing up, a brilliant place to go when you need help. All the staff are amazing and always helpful. |
| Denise Karlsson | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | They helped me numerous times as a teenager would it would be a tragedy to not have it, it provides such great help for so many people |
| Jo Bedda | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | It is a much needed facility for young people |
| Cath Mortimer | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | Parent in York |
| J Burgess | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | Young people are our future employees, if they need help, they should be entitled to receive it |
| Edith Hopwood | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | Young have a rough deal expected to grow up too soon with often no one to turn to that they can trust |
| Sarah Gowland | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | My daughters relied on help from her to find work and training courses when they left school. |
| Amy Butcher | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | When I was at college over 7 years ago now I was struggling immensely with an eating disorder and anxiety and finding Castlegate and being able access support was an incredible comfort and really helped me keep going through my course. As mental health (and other) difficulties are increasingly affecting young people I think it is incredibly important that this resource is available to people. |
| Tanya Killick | Bridlington, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | As a social worker I feel services such as these are crucial for many young people facing a multitude of complex issues who are fearful of formal support, may not meet needs criteria or simply don't know where to turn. The government wants to reduce the amount of social service referrals, promote prevention and independence, reduce the welfare deficit and reduce unemployment. All of which Castlegate seeks to do. Surely a full consultation should be carried out to see if there is alternative way of running the service rather than cutting it. |
| Adam Oliver | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | The work done at the Castlegate centre is incredibly important to young people in York. The staff are wonderful people who really care about the future of the young people they see. |
| Hannah Clarke | Linton-on-Ouse, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | This is important to me and for others |
| Pauline Buchanan | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | BECAUSE unless young people get counselling, they go on to develop even more complex problems, which cost NHS and Social Services dear. Therefore, the support at Castlegate is cost effective. |
| Meg Forrest | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | I have worked with young people all my life and they need all the help they can get, especially the vulnerable ones. |
| Charlie St. Leger | London, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | Because these services are important to York. please don't remove this service! |

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| fay Andrews-Hodgson | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | I believe we need to take a system, holistic view to services offered by the public sector. And by making what seems like obvious cuts, we may in fact create unintended consequences. In my view it is better to spend on 'prevention' rather than have to pick up the pieces once things have got complicated in people's lives. |
| Eileen Dale | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | This is an essential service for young people who might not otherwise access support services. Advice agencies are already struggling to meet the needs of people in York. |
| Larissa Collins | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | I care!!! |
| Elizabeth Matfin | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | I disagree with the cutting of public services which will be detrimental to so many people. The government have put councils in a terrible position but children in particular have really been the victims of these cuts. |
| Kate Elliott | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | York needs this vital service as mental health services in the area are already stretched and Castlegate provides help for so many! |
| linda harris | york, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | I think Castlegate is a fantastic resource for young people and can avoid them being sucked into adult mental health services. Its non stigmatising and one of the few provisions for young people in the city. |
| Lisa Shephard | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | They encouraged my daughter & helped her find her first ever job when the job center had reduced her to tears |
| Jill Patrick | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | A great support for our young peopleA very valuable resource. |
| Luke Patterson | Strensall, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | When I first moved into York I really didn't know where I stood or where I wanted to go in my life, Castlegate really helped me to review my options and guided me along the process. I now have two jobs and I am really grateful that they were there for me when I needed it the most. It would be a shame for such a fantastic service to be shut down. |
| Jack Robinson | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | I'm signing because 29 Castlegate has been a big help to me in search for a job and is an even bigger help to others. |
| Domine Lansell | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | They helped me a lot and I would not have got where I am today without them.They do a fantastic job. |
| Parv Pye | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | As a local GP , my patient find this service invaluable . Without it many young vulnerable people will be left without suitable support. the mental health services are not equipped to deal with their needs, and in the majorlty of cases want see them. |
| Megan Cammiss | Fallowfield, United Kingdom | 2014-10-07 | Used the services myself. Would still be in deep trouble if they weren't available at the time. |
| Lucy Smyth | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | Because in my best friends words this community saved her life. So for that I thank you x |

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| Arianne Dickens | x, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | <p>Castlegate is the reason I am happy, comfortable with myself and have a job. I first used Castlegate for counselling sessions, then for assistance applying for Employment and Support Allowance, as I was suffering from quite bad anxiety at the time and couldn't even look at the form without feeling sick, hyperventilating and bursting into tears. After my counselling was finished, I was put in touch with Kyra - women's project who ran a self-esteem course for ten weeks which I attended. Without Castlegate, I would be in a very dark place today. Merging it with adult services in the council is not going to work and many young people are going to lose out because of this.</p> <p>I cannot say thank you enough to the people who supported me at Castlegate without judging me, telling me to get a grip or mocking me. It was a literal lifeline for me and thousands of other young people in York. Please, we can't get rid of it.</p> |
| Paul O'Kell | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | <p>The young are our (societies) future, and being young can be a very difficult time. Having some where to go and someone sympathetic to talk to can be the difference between having a successful future or not. The impact on society in general can be significant for good or ill.</p> |
| Sue Bywater | Malton, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | <p>Because I work in a York based social welfare organisation and we see many clients in need of the service under threat, Do not abandon the city's young people most in need of opportunities and help in overcoming the many barriers they face. CYC SHOULD care passionately about it's young citizens and this is a short sighted step</p> |
| arabella heskett | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | <p>Giving a young person support as they go through difficult transitions in life can turn their lives round, Castlegate provides a warm, powerful and accessible service in an environment which is not based in a terrifying edifice such as West Offices..great for certain services, but not daunted youth. Please don't remove this most important safety net from our community.</p> |
| Jessica Popplewell | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | <p>There are still too many young people in need of this service. This has been a valuable service in York and I know so many people who have become successful adults in large part thanks to the work at Castlegate. Don't let that stop now, when young people need it more than ever in this economic climate.</p> |
| Gary Hogg | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | <p>Castlegate is a vital and much used resource not only for the young people of York but also for all of the professionals who work with YP across the city.</p> |
| ken mccomish | york, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | <p>I inform every one of a suitable age, about this excellent service and for at least 50% of parents of this age this is the recommended service by the multi disciplinary team.</p> |
| richard wilcox | york, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | <p>I feel this is a great and supportive service to young people in York</p> |
| Claire Gibb | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | <p>Young people in York deserve your investment and support.</p> |
| Graham Huntington | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | <p>York has very poor provision for this age group. Castlegate does excellent work.</p> |
| Lucy burns | Birmingham, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | <p>They helped me a lot when I was growing up in York</p> |
| Ben Goodwin | Smethwick, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | <p>The service at Castlegate is second to none and a vital lifeline for affected youngsters.</p> |
| polly hayes | york, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | <p>I believe in the future support of all young people. Their voice, safety and continued support us very important to us all.</p> |

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| Amy Shephard | Haxby, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | Job Centre were no help for me when I was searching for a job in my gap year, we went into castlegate and it was totally different! I was treated with respect, they helped me improve my CV and gave me a whole long list of jobs related to care for children and home care for adults! The service was truly appreciated, and if they close, there will be a great decline in help for young people in York! |
| Jennifer Jackson | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | young people are bearing a completely disproportionate burden of the cuts by both central and local government especially around unemployment, benefits and mental health support. Please do not exacerbate this problem. |
| Danny Ross | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | I had a great deal of support from local youth services growing up, which was invaluable, especially as an independent source of advice and support from local authorities who do not always understand your needs, or consider your opinions. Equally important is stability and consistency, a lack of which can often be an aspect of the problems young people experience, so we should endeavor to maintain this wherever we have the opportunity to. Lastly, a major reason young people need this sort of independent advice and support is because they are disaffected and do not feel the authorities and institutions who make decisions about their lives listen to and take into their views and opinions, which is exactly what taking a decision like this without due consultation with the people it affects is doing. Its impossible to say it will have no impact, or make a proper transition without listening to the people who are most affected by it. |
| Carole McMullan | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | I feel there should be a proper consultation. This service is too important to young people. |
| Adam Formby | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | I have written a PhD thesis on youth unemployment and I live in York. It is these services that need to be kept to help young people in increasingly competitive labour markets. |
| Sarah Lorrain Smith | Bromsgrove, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | I'm signing because this is an essential service for young people. We should be helping these vulnerable people into adulthood not abandoning them. |
| Helen Robinson | Brussels, Brussels, Belgium, Belgium | 2014-10-08 | I studied at York University and I want other students to receive the same services as I did |
| Sarah Wood | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | It's far too important for it to close. I believe in young people |
| Angela Carr | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | I have worked for the council for many years, and am now a volunteer adviser. It would be hard to overstate the importance of Castlegate for vulnerable young people, particularly as anyone can drop in and have advice about their next step. Parents and carers can also obtain information in a confidential setting, without feeling stigmatised. Life is so difficult for many young people these days and the (often untended) bureaucracy of DWP, housing departments, benefits sections, etc can be very offputting, especially if your literacy or computer skills are limited. Castlegate provides a welcome and a non-judgmental way for young people to re-engage. At a time when cuts in support services for young people have increased their stress and mental health problems, we should be looking to retain such services. Having worked in areas without such centres, I always felt proud of York's funding such a valuable service. We cannot keep cutting the support services for young people at a time when their opportunities to work, study, and enjoy creative leisure options have never been more limited. Please retain the Centre. |
| KEITH THOMPSON | YORK, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | As a retired Police Officer I know how important it is for young people to have advice and counselling when they are feeling vulnerable |

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| Suzanne Wheelaghan | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | The most vulnerable groups in our society are being excluded further because of cuts in services such as this. We need services to protect and keep people safe whatever their age. Young people are excluded, overlooked and under represented. |
| Lucy Connolly | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | Castlegate is such a valuable service for young people in York and offers specialist support and advocacy. It would be a great loss for the community to lose this support! |
| Eve Ridgeway | Malton, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | I have friends who need holistic support for a range of issues. |
| Alison Moore | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | I think early intervention is vital for young people. By losing this service it will put strain on other organisations in York who are already operating with long waiting lists. |
| Jayne Baillie | Chesterfield, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | My son was helped there greatly one he had left school. |
| C S Littler | North Duffield, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | Young people need access to services in a dedicated space. |
| David Soulsby | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | This is such a valuable service - a huge mistake is being made here. |
| Karen codling | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | This business helped and gave support to my son when he was at a low ebb. I would like to know that they can continue to do this excellent work for other young people in a similar situation |
| Sarah Mitchell | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | The service provided me with counselling when I first experienced mental health problems. They gave me work updating their computer systems and provided me with a reference so I could get a job. And they coached me for court when I testified against my rapist. I owe this service an awful lot. |
| Rich Hardcastle | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | They helped a family member and were fantastic. Location was important - central and discreet |
| Melody Hardcastle | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | Helped close family and friends. It's a friendly, easy place to go to. |
| vicky briggs | leeds, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | I'm signing because this is important to so many young people. |
| Katie Dennison | Haxby, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | Young people benefit from a non intimidating environment and from being able to seek holistic support from experienced and caring staff who are dedicated to meeting their needs in a non judgemental way. The issues they need support with and an environment that they feel comfortable in are very specific to young adults and the existing service is extremely well regarded because it appears to meet those needs. |
| Christopher Gaunt | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | I went there so many times as a kid to ask for advice on finding jobs and writing my CV and its thanks to them that I had the confidence to apply for jobs in the first place. It really is a great service and they really did help me each time I visited. |
| Rob Parker |  York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | I work in education with young people, and the Castlegate service is needed more than ever. Education and training is very important but does not solve all of the issues faced by young people. Cutting this service will result in more suffering for young people and families and more complex problems requiring intervention in the future. |
| Phil Montgomery | Selby, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | 16-25 year old need protection |
| Saffron Hetherington-Redhall | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | Without this support and guidance, young people will have no where to turn and as a result will spiral further into a cycle of bad life choices and ultimately a bigger impact upon already stretched budgets. |
| Susan Taylor | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | These services are vital for vulnerable young people, they need our support |

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| Eleanor Hindley | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | Castlegate is a place where people can go and feel that they are safe and worth listening to. I have seen people improve during their time there. |
| Richard Vardey | Rotherham, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | Worthy cause |
| Naomi Stanton | St Albans, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | Services for young people need to be protected not downsized - our young are worth investing in not writing off |
| Vicky Unwin | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | This is an important service to protect and encourage our young people. |
| Jonie Linley | London, United Kingdom | 2014-10-08 | I have a lot to thank the old Youth Enquiry Service for, and I can say from experience that young people will be worse off if Castlegate has to shut down. |
| thomas bielby | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-09 | From experience these services are important |
| Claire O'Kell | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-09 | The small saving will result in huge difficulties for young people, especially those in crisis, and (typically) in a dramatic increase in expenditure in the long term. |
| cheryl craven | york, United Kingdom | 2014-10-09 | it's such a valuable service |
| Louise Bishop | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-09 | I am strongly objecting to the dismantling of this service. Can find ££ to "improve river safety" to protect people who have chosen to drink alcohol in excess but chose to ignore the vulnerable . |
| Jane Cartwright | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-09 | My son used this valuable service |
| Rachel Barker-Moore | Hull, United Kingdom | 2014-10-09 | "This helps lives you can't put a price on that" |
| Damian Sefton | Edinburgh, United Kingdom | 2014-10-09 | Former York resident (and possible future one). Now is really not the time to be limiting the provision for young people. It might look like a saving but we will all pay in the long run. |
| John Armstrong | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-09 | To keep such a valuable resource is important for a city such as ours. |
| Trina Warriner | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-09 | This service provides support to young people which no-one else does. Where will they go? |
| Clare Guinan | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-09 | I work at the CAB and understand the importance of an holistic service. We greatly respect the work done by Castlegate for young people as individuals and not just directed at giving information for specific enquiries. The new service will be inadequate, insufficient and less accessible. Please do not close Castlegate. |
| Toby Tegetmeyer | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-09 | An essential service withdrawn which leaves another likely overstretched organisation to pick up the pieces and unable to provide a service which suits the individual seeking help. |
| bob purrington | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-09 | It's important to a significant number of young adults who will not be able to use West Offices, subsequently not accessing the services they need, |
| Professor Mike Stein | Pudsey, Leeds, United Kingdom | 2014-10-09 | Research studies show the very high level of mental health problems among this age group. This includes suicide which is responsible for more deaths than cancer, heart disease or road traffic accidents - it is the biggest killer among this age group. A project that can provide support and help when problems first arise may prevent further suffering and misery among very vulnerable young people. And what is really important is that the service is seen as accessible and welcoming by young people - otherwise they will be deterred from using it. |
| Lydia Noor | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-09 | I work with young people in a school setting and I know how vital resources are. |

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| Andy Pomfret | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-09 | I work with children and young people, both at work and in my spare time. I see the issues that they have to deal with, and I see the difficulty they so often have in opening up and expressing how they feel or what's going on in their lives. Castlegate is an essential service for vulnerable young adults, and any change to this provision needs to be carefully designed so that it doesn't introduce barriers to the use of the service. |
| Laura Pulley | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-09 | This centre absolutely saved my life. It's an invaluable whiteout which I honestly don't know where I'd be today. There is no service the same or even remotely similar in York and it's an utter necessity. It would be a sheer failing if York were to lose this provision |
| Julie Kelly | Pickering, United Kingdom | 2014-10-09 | I feel this is an important service which should be maintained. |
| Kevin Sell | York, PW | 2014-10-09 | To close a such a valuable facility like Castlegate would seem to indicate desperation on the part of the York Council. If the financial situation is really this bad, the people of York deserve that the Council prove that they have absolutely no alternative. I think they are merely looking for easy targets, rather than considering the welfare of young people. |
| Sophie Roberts | york, United Kingdom | 2014-10-09 | it will directly affect young people that we work with |
| liz lomax | colsterworth, United Kingdom | 2014-10-09 | My child received support from this service |
| Jackie Johnson | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-09 | Castlegate is and always has been an extremely important resource in the city. Particular for young people who have mental health issues. It has also offered a very inclusive transition service for young people who will not "fit" into the traditional adult mental health or psychological services. As a professional at Limetrees Child and Adolescent mental health Service, it is , in my opinion, a very damaging move by city of your council to cut these very essential services for the young people of this city. |
| Samantha Stockdale | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-09 | I'm signing because I feel it's massively important to give people help with mental illness, I've been a young adult carer for my Dad who has Bipolar an without the support an help of other professionals I wouldn't an my Mum would not have coped. My Dad would still have been extremely poorly now if he hadn't had the help. Mental Illness is not known enough in my opinion an no one should have to just carry on and suffer when they need help. |
| John Lindsay Smith | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-09 | James Alexander, City of York Council Review the decision to remove the provision of holistic information, support and counselling for young people 16-25 in York, provided by Support Workers, Careers Advisors and Counsellors at Castlegate Sincerely, John Lindsay Smith |
| Dale Harlow | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-09 | Young people need this support during these years. Many may not get the support many of use take for granted. |
| claire Brown | york, United Kingdom | 2014-10-09 | The loss of valuable services at an easily accessible location |
| Rosina Saaremets | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-09 | Castlegate has provided me with a lot of help and advice in the past and I don't know what I'd have done without it! |
| Ronald Kane | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-09 | It has support close family and friends. |
| Lescilia Birtwistle | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-09 | The provision of this very professional service is essential-particularly in view of the very limited availability of counselling in the area. |

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| Alison Wilde | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-09 | I know how important this place is as they were the only people who were responsive to a 17 year old I know who was suffering emotional abuse |
| dawn conyers | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-09 | I work with children aged 11- 18 |
| Nick Jackson | London, United Kingdom | 2014-10-09 | I have a niece and nephew in York, this is an important service for young people. |
| Barnaby Rhodes | Acomb, United Kingdom | 2014-10-09 | As a child psychotherapist working for the NHS in the childrens mental health service, I am very aware of the excellent service that Castlegate has been providing the city of York. For young people who are struggling emotionally and for guidance in their journey to adulthood having a place like Castlegate in the city provides an indispensable safety net for these young people. Enabling them to continue in their education through university and in complications in starting a career. I also believe that the removal of this service will mean that a lot of young people do not get the early and accessible service that can see them through a difficult period. I believe this will in turn mean that some of these young people will deteriorate in their needs and have to access other services that are already stretched and will have to start from a more stuck place with that young person. |
| Kirsty Wilkison | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-09 | These young people are the future for our country and if they need help they need to be able to access it easily and smoothly and quickly. |
| Lewis Seton | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-09 | Castlegate helped me get through depression and it is a wonderful friendly place for young people to go |
| Patrick Rice | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-09 | The centre needs to stay open |
| donna brooks | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-10 | I am a mental health professional and a mother of 3 teenagers who have needed support in the past from castlegate. |
| Deborah Blue | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-10 | My husband used this service several years ago and it was very helpful. The proposed change is not for the better for any customers. |
| Benjamin Phillips | Wilberfoss, United Kingdom | 2014-10-10 | This facility is important in encouraging young people from vulnerable and disadvantaged backgrounds to make the right decisions in life. |
| Ashvinder Mudhar | Harrogate, United Kingdom | 2014-10-10 | Because this would have helped two of my friends if we had one of these in Harrogate |
| Jake Furby | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-10 | This has not been consulted properly |
| Judi Edwards | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-10 | It was a service that both of my two daughters found very useful when they first left school. I also feel that this is a vital resource to the city of York. |
| Rosemary Suttill | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-10 | I'm a member of my GP practice PPG. We recently identified Castlegate as the only resource agency for young people seeking non-judgemental support and also able to provide an information service for this important age group. Castlegate's value can't be underestimated. It is irreplaceable and its loss would be detrimental to the City as a whole, while the loss of this support resource to young people, those it currently serves and its future potential clients, cannot be measured in pounds and pence but might turn out to be measurable in unsupported lives and their worse consequences. |
| Hannah George | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-10 | This is an invaluable service that is much needed by this group of young people who often don't meet the threshold for other services. Without this help, many of these young people would have no where to go for info and support; not only would this impact on their mental health and wellbeing, but could also mean that they go on to develop more serious problems. |
| Edwina Sykes | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-10 | Very very important |

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| Joanne Boulter | Leeds, United Kingdom | 2014-10-10 | I work in a school in York where many of our young people access these services. For some they are a lifeline and it would be a travesty if they disappeared. People believe that York is a 'nice' city with no issues, this is not the case and young people need the support this service provides. |
| Janet O'Neill | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-10 | Because young people need all the help they can get if they have problems. |
| Yvie Holder | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-10 | Young people must have services appropriate to their needs and the Castlegate team has years of expertise to provide it. |
| Christine Fitton | Filey, United Kingdom | 2014-10-10 | I work with Young People of all ages and they need a listening ear |
| Roger Jackson | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-10 | It's the only place that many young people feel comfortable going to the main Council Offices do not offer a user-friendly environment for them. |
| Alan Dunnett | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-10 | This all-round service is critical in supporting young people at a vulnerable time in their lives. To claim that they can find everything elsewhere is simply untrue - they can't. Castlegate prevents significant numbers of young people from becoming homeless, hopeless or both. They deserve support - not to be abandoned by this city. |
| sarah mackin | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-10 | I work in a secondary school and have seen how useful the support from Castlegate can be, especially during the transition from Secondary to College where students have no more contact with support staff from the school. Even during college and Uni Castlegate has been so important in providing advice and support, for both practical issues and emotional. How are our young people supposed to cope when so much of their support is being taken away - especially with so many modern issues affecting them? |
| judith pollock | york, United Kingdom | 2014-10-11 | This is a crazy decision showing a complete lack of understanding of the needs of many young people |
| Jennifer Tomkinson | Sheffield, United Kingdom | 2014-10-11 | I worked at Castlegate as a trainee counsellor and experienced first hand the positive impact the service has on young people in York and the extraordinary people who work there. |
| tracey walker | york, United Kingdom | 2014-10-11 | Work within mental health services and use castlegate a lot. a valuable service |
| Natalie Knowles | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-11 | It helps so many young people |
| angela stott | york, United Kingdom | 2014-10-12 | this center has helped so many youths ,young people should be a huge priority ,they are the future |
| Jo Coles | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-12 | Young people have been hit from all sides by Government cuts to local authorities. |
| Carrie Jackson | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-12 | I feel it is an unwise change in the service which since the 1980s has amassed a wealth of experience to help the most vulnerable young people in our society in an environment that is safe and unthreatening. The York West Offices would not provide anywhere close to a suitable alternative environment for such a vulnerable group. I would hope that wider consultation could be undertaken with staff and service users. |
| Ruth Roberts | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-12 | I know how vulnerable people get used to a place they can trust and find it difficult to go to big impersonal places. If we really want to continue to help our young people we should be prioritising services like these, not sacrificing them in order to gift £4m to replace 2 fab swimming pools with an inferior one, or replacing old squares with modern precincts. |
| adam woods | york, United Kingdom | 2014-10-12 | 29 castlegate helped me through a very difficult time of my life when I was younger without them I would of grown towards drugs and alcohol jobless , whereas now I am a store manager for a successful international business. |
| Chris Rhodes | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-13 | Anything to give youn people help and a chance to improve their chances of a better existence is worth fighting for |

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| Vickie Sheath | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-13 | Invaluable service, young need all the help and support they can get |
| Jack Kernaghan | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-13 | My sister is receiving counselling at Castlegate. I also believe we already have limited options for counselling in York, and losing Castlegate would be a huge blow. |
| Stephen Wright | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-13 | There is clear evidence that young people are the most likely group to experience mental health problems and yet they are also the least likely to access help. Removing access to counselling and other support will have a detrimental effect on young people's mental health and have expensive downstream consequences. The alternative provision that is proposed will make it even harder for those who seek help to obtain it. |
| B M Gillian Goodridge | Lancaster, United Kingdom | 2014-10-13 | My daughter has worked in this field, in York, for many years. As a secondary schoolteacher, I know how crucially important this work is, especially in towns. Destroying this help for insecure young people in York will inevitably lead shortly to huge social problems in the area. An unbelievably foolish, naive and short-sighted step. I thought better of intelligent Northerners, than this short-sighted decision! |
| Mavis Young | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-13 | As a retired counsellor of young people, I know how valuable this provision is. I used to refer people to this centre. |
| Dot Frear | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-13 | As a Tutor of young people age 16 to 19 I realise the importance of providing a separate advice, guidance and counselling service which addresses their needs as a discrete group. |
| Margaret Shaw | Crewe, United Kingdom | 2014-10-13 | What a difference it would have made to me had it been around when I was that age. Instead I had 15 wasted years. |
| Patrick Robinson | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-13 | I believe that it is in the interest of all citizens in York to have a high quality Advice and guidance service to our young people. By providing a city centre site many young people will get the help they need when they need it. |
| Tony Sudbery | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-13 | as2@york.ac.uk |
| Julie Boswell | Cambridge, United Kingdom | 2014-10-13 | It is an essential service for all young people everywhere. |
| anne hoad | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-13 | I think support should be available as early as possible to prevent problems in later life |
| Mick pipes | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-13 | Because it's simply the right thing to do..... |
| Emma Fairclough | York, CA | 2014-10-13 | This is a crucial service for the young people of York and is very much needed. |
| carol Warren | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-13 | It's so vital to help this age group with their emotional issues before it becomes a lifelong unaddressed problem |
| Golnar Bayat | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-13 | Over the years Castlegate (and its predecessor The Youth Enquiry Service) has become a trusted, reliable, and crucial supplier of services to young people in York. I can not imagine what the landscape will look like if young people do not have this dedicated service where so many layers of their needs are met under one roof. The compassionate ethos of this service and the experience that has been gained over the years is easy to destroy but at what cost to young people living in York? |
| ben. stephenson | tadcaster, United Kingdom | 2014-10-14 | any help for you people must be there |
| christa brown | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-15 | I also work with this age group and some of the same clients - The council clearly has no concept of the necessity of this service or the consequences of changing it for those using the service. It will be catastrophic for the young people and cost the council more in the long run. |

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| Linda Cuddy | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-15 | It's the young people who need our help. I see the so many lost young adults, who haven't had any help and there will be far more if this support is removed. Apart from anything else keeping the support will in the long run save the council far more that it costs. |
| Sue Popel | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-15 | My son was greatly helped by staff at the centre. |
| Sarah Threapleton | Tadcaster, United Kingdom | 2014-10-15 | Young people in York need somewhere to go where they can receive non-judgemental support and advice away from social workers (who work in West Offices) and authority in general. York is working hard to become a 'dementia-friendly' city - I believe our young people deserve equal recognition and attention. I therefore ask the City of York Council to review their decision as requested by this petition. |
| Lesley Smithson | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-15 | My own teens have benefited from this service |
| Dorothy Nicholson | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-15 | Have worked with young people all my life - they do invaluable work in a non-threatening, user-friendly, fairly anonymous location. I could have done with such a place in my teenage years. Shame on this regime!! |
| mat wyatt | york, United Kingdom | 2014-10-15 | Third place must not close, a vital service to young people! |
| Jacqueline Bock | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-15 | This provision is badly needed by young people in York |
| Elaine Langford | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-15 | this service is vital for our young people. False economy to close it as the problems will not go away. |
| Mary GArrison | yorkgroveYork, United Kingdom | 2014-10-15 | This is a stupid and damaging notion--it will harm young people, and harm the city and harm the future not to offer appropriate support. Please consider other cuts instead, including to council salaries and expensive consultants. |
| Richard Bridge | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-15 | because young people are already castigated and marginalised in society and require a safe and trusting space to receive support |
| alison taylor | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-15 | many of the pupils I teach have used this essential service |
| Neil Whitehead | great yarmouth, United Kingdom | 2014-10-15 | because of the Uni; |
| wendy porter | york, United Kingdom | 2014-10-15 | I have personally know young people use thus service and it is essential |
| Kerry Parker | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-15 | Young people are important to York's future, and therefore their welfare and well-being is important to me. Early intervention and support is so important in the many complex issues that Castlegate deal with - how can CYC not see this? |
| Emma Carter | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-16 | I think it is crucial that teens and young adults in York have somewhere where they can discreetly go for help with personal problems. Many will be put off seeking advice if they have to visit such a public building if the service is moved to the council's main office. |
| Eleanor Cameron | york, United Kingdom | 2014-10-16 | Brilliant place so many people get help and don't feel ashamed coming to this place where everyone just needs advice |
| Jayne McCullagh | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-17 | My daughter and I have received valuable guidance and support from the staff at Connexions regarding her options for continuing education. I hope this service remains in place for future school leavers and parents alike. |
| Francesca Pagliaro | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-18 | Castlegate saved my life. They gave me the support when I needed it the most. It's an in demand service York can NOT afford to lose, I was on the waiting list for 5 months, that shoes how in demand it is. Castlegate changes young peoples lives in York. |
| Phoebe Clarke | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-18 | provided my friends with support that if they didnt have they would not be in the place they are in today. |

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| Jess Burchell | york, United Kingdom | 2014-10-18 | Although castlegate have never specifically helped me, I have heard many times about how it has helped others (including some of my friends). It is an invaluable service which helps demonstrate why York is one of the better cities to live in! |
| Kate Searle | Haxby, United Kingdom | 2014-10-18 | I'm signing this because they pretty much saved my friends life! |
| Jenni Lofthouse | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-18 | It is an amazing place that helps so many people, it needs to stay open. |
| Ruth Thacker | Great Yarmouth, United Kingdom | 2014-10-18 | Services for young people have been decimated since 2010. Young people need face-to-face advice and guidance, this has been proved by independent research. Why risk the future of young people, who are this country's future. This is another short-sighted politically ideological cut to front-line services. |
| Gill Rimmer | stockport, United Kingdom | 2014-10-18 | The current theme of removing youth services is short sighted and completely devalues the support these services have been giving to young people. |
| Louise Walker | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-19 | There are very limited 'less official' services like this in York. Why get rid of a service that is friendly and open towards young people and is easily accessible? |
| Isabella Flemons | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-19 | I'm signing because castle gate was such a friendly open and happy safe place for me to go it didn't feel clinical like a lot of places can it felt like home I got attached to it I felt so safe and I know that no where else will feel like that it just won't be the same because the atmosphere was so calming ect. Castle and Mary saved my life and so many others so why would you prevent something like that just because you want to change it to something else it's not worth it people won't want to go anywhere else |
| Maria Scullion | Magherafelt, United Kingdom | 2014-10-19 | I'm signing because I believe in the developmental, protective and preventative value of universal youth provision. |
| Chloe Henderson | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-19 | I have had many friends going for counselling here and I've seen the help it does |
| Farren Downing | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-19 | Because there's no other places for us 16-25 year olds to go, school isn't helpful as there's nothing like this at school. We need Castlegate for help and guidance |
| Matt Marquis | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-19 | Helped me out when suffering from anxiety |
| Becky Simpson | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-19 | I'm signing because Castlegate offer a vital counselling service which changed my life when I was 19. Without I can say without a doubt that I would not be alive today. |
| James Galley | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-19 | i have attended castlegate and it helped me now end. It's a fantastic resource to have in York and its value can't be understated! |
| Rhys cochrane | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-19 | I feel it is a important cause and people really do need this to stay |
| Ben thompson | york, United Kingdom | 2014-10-19 | Helps many young people that need helping. |
| Emily Bush | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-19 | Castlegate not only supported me through the toughest times in my life, but always has an open door for anything I've ever needed. |
| Tom Muir | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-19 | They've helped me through a lot, and a lot more people.. |
| Daniel Mitchinson | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-19 | I have used the services at Castlegate. |
| Rebecca galley | Huntington, United Kingdom | 2014-10-20 | Im signing because I needed the help of these amazing people, I wet to counselling there, my brother also went there, and a number of my friends did. It helped up all get through what we were going through at the time. If you get rid of castlegate then people are just going to turn to violence to help through the situation they're in or worse things like drugs. Castlegate is the best part of york for struggling people. Please don't take it away from us. |

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| tom watola | york, United Kingdom | 2014-10-20 | Helped me a lot in the past and had a great experience with a group there called Yorkash. |
| Rebecca van der Arend | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-20 | I work with young people at College and many rely on the support and advice of Castlegate and WONT access services within the council building |
| helen thorrington | york, United Kingdom | 2014-10-20 | It is the only service in York that I know of, offering such a range of support. It is invaluable for some of my current students, but moreso for those when they are leaving college and have no other support in place. West Offices would be a far more difficult place for then to access than Castlegate. |
| Andy Leach | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-20 | We have worked very closely with Castlegate and I fear what will happen to all these young people with this facility taken away. Where will they go to receive impartial support and advice in an environment they feel comfortable? |
| Tony Taylor | Chania, Greece | 2014-10-20 | The closing of Castlegate is yet another example of the assault on young-person centred, process led youth work practice, all in the service of targeted behavioural modification programmes. Enough is enough! |
| Pete Smith | Walsall, United Kingdom | 2014-10-20 | As a youth and community worker I strongly believe in the impact social interaction and informal education can have on individuals and community's , if you axe these services to save a pittance of money you are investing in false economics as the long term consiquense of this action will have a greater financial impact ! Believe and invest in people so they self sustain ... |
| Lucy Green | London, United Kingdom | 2014-10-21 | They need to keep it open. counciling is needed for many young people |
| David Britten | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-21 | Castlegate provides vital support to young people in York, and the proposed changes will significantly reduce the scope and impact of its work. This decision needs to be reconsidered as a matter of urgency, and a much more extensive and inclusive consultation process is required. |
| Dave Taylor | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-21 | This isn't a good decision to cut this and re-provide the service at the Council's West Offices. I think there needs to be reconsideration and a different solution found. |
| Laura Howley | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-21 | I have used this service before and I've found it very useful. For others to not have this service is unfair. |
| Elizabeth Williams | Warrington, United Kingdom | 2014-10-21 | These services are life-improving and can be life saving. It would be like closing a hospital |
| John Cossham | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-21 | Removing this service would be incredibly shortsighted. |
| Nadia Chelbi | Beverley, United Kingdom | 2014-10-21 | This is a very important service that supports young people who are one of the vulnerable groups in society. Young people who receive support early in their life are more likely to recover than if issues remain unresolved. They are also a group who are particularly receptive and can change more quickly. Something that becomes harder as we get older. |
| Mary Martin | leeds, United Kingdom | 2014-10-21 | I cannot see the sence in taking away such a valued service with potential costly impacts for the larger community |
| Jayne Lane | Wakefield, United Kingdom | 2014-10-21 | Because we need to offer young people what they need not what politicians think they want - a holistic service that is flexible enough to respond to whatever the young person brings to it is a fantastic and vital quality support. |
| Jo McDarby | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-21 | It's extremely important the city of York does not lose such a valuable service to our young people who may not get the support they need from their own families for example or have no one they can turn to |
| Sarah Burgin | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-21 | Castlegate has helped family members and friends through hard times. |

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| Joe Pattinson | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-21 | The very vulnerable of our will only become even more vulnerable. We must give young vulnerable adults the support needed so they can have dignity, and have given to them a service the potential to lift themselves, lift their heads up, and make their lives better. This is exactly the service that is needed in our city. |
| megan broadway | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-22 | This service has helped me a lot in my youth. You can not take this away from the people who need this. It a way of bettering yourself! |
| Marie Wootton | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-22 | I'm signing because these services are essential! |
| Ben McDonald | Leicester, United Kingdom | 2014-10-22 | I think that theses services are vital to the community. |
| Nicola Carter-Barnes | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-22 | There are a lot of troubled youngsters in York that need all the help they can get. |
| julie broadway | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-22 | Leave these vital services alone!!! |
| Diana Aitchison | Cambridge, United Kingdom | 2014-10-22 | Counselling is crucial in the development of young people finding their way in life |
| Natasha-Jamie Duncan-Boyd | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-22 | It's an amazing resource that yorks youth use and would be lost without. |
| Ruth Holder | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-22 | I've personally accessed and benefitted from this amazing service - it's invaluable for the young people of York, particularly with waiting lists for NHS counselling being so extensive. |
| julie ruck | charlton, United Kingdom | 2014-10-22 | Because there isn't enough support like this out there for this age group. |
| Simon Partridge | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-22 | People of all ages need assistance in life. Closing doors isn't an answer to some peoples desperation!! |
| Lauren Partridge | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-22 | Because I care very deeply about the cause. |
| Kat Atkinson | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-22 | I'm signing because I've benefitted from their services over the years, don't know where I'd be without them |
| susana morvan | york, United Kingdom | 2014-10-22 | Too many young people find nothing to live for - so why are we taking this away? |
| Philippa norman | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-22 | I have children who are in the right age group or approaching it and other family members who have been able to use the service. The adult mental health services in York are poor and castle gate is the only way many young adults can access help |
| Caroline Jesper | West Tanfield, United Kingdom | 2014-10-22 | The rise in mental health issues and suicide, particularly in younger age groups, is on the increase. At a time when there is a government drive to increase Mental Health services it seems illogical to contemplate cutting this invaluable service to the young community of York without there being adequate provision to replace it. |
| Stephanie Sempers | Dunedin, New Zealand | 2014-10-22 | I grew up in York and was a receiver of services. Youth support is desperately needed and more should be opening, not closing down |
| Oliver Chadwick | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-22 | They have helped me in the past. They are always welcoming and helpful and it's good to know their door is always open from the minimal to the largest of issues. |
| Polly Foulsham | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-22 | Castlegate provides a vital service in helping young adults into work. Taking away the can only have a negative impact on a society where we so desperately need people to work. |

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| Louella Midgley | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-23 | With castlegate and places like them young people would die. I am alive because they stopped me from acting on my suicide plans. This is genuinely life or death and people need to recognise the young are not strong enough to over come mental health without support from establishments like castlegate |
| Becky Romaniak | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-23 | Castlegate for Young People is a much needed service and space for young people to go for support. There is very little other support for this age group to enable them to make a good transition into adulthood. This cut will destroy the chances and opportunities for many of our most vulnerable young people in York. |
| Robbie Bennett | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-23 | I have personally benefited from the counselling service offered at this location and without it would have likely quit my job and not gone to university. The service itself, the staff, the location and feel of the place all add up to a very good service and it would be a bad decision for the young people of York to take it away. Please don't. |
| carlos anaia | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-23 | because vulnerable children and adults need more services and support not less. you don't need to be Einstein to know that ! |
| Sharon Calvert | Knaresborough, United Kingdom | 2014-10-24 | I work with young people in York with mental health issues and know the importance of support and counselling for them. |
| Stephen Bottrill | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-24 | There should always be an informal way for young people to gain access for help. This allows them to gauge the environment, build up trust and then engage. It is not always a case of walking in and opening up. |
| Christine Wardlow-Kaye | Ilkley, United Kingdom | 2014-10-24 | I cannot see any valid reason why this centre should be closed in view of the service it provides. The face to face, supportive information for young people is available - a service sadly lacking within the realms of support for any unemployed person today. It's a good model why get rid of it? Do I hear that nasty word 'economics'? |
| Victoria Jack | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-24 | Supporting young people and ensuring their well-being assures the security of future generations |
| Rosalind Batchelor | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-24 | Counselling and Support services such as Castlegate provides are vitally important to help young people make a positive start in adult life. |
| Mary Drew | Norwalk, CT | 2014-10-24 | You are failing vulnerable young people. An intimidating building will drive them away AND services cut for the over 21s? SHAME ON YOU. |
| Eleanor Cunnington | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-24 | Young people are at a time in their lives when they may well need help but feel unable to speak to parents, or have no one else to turn to. This service is vital. |
| rosemary rimmer-clay | Brighton, Australia | 2014-10-24 | Because young people matter! |
| jennifer aitken | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-24 | This is a vital service for young people in York which now has so few facilities for this age group due to all the cut backs. |
| Trudi Jackson | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-24 | I am training to be a counsellor and have had mental health problems myself and received some counselling help. I think the vital service of counselling should be saved for this vulnerable age group. |
| Fay Dalby | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-24 | Counselling services already have 17 month waiting lists. That is far far far too long. Mental illness can be very life limiting and waiting almost a year and a half just to chat to someone about your problems is despicable in a wealthy city with the second highest council tax in England. GPs are not qualified and those online tools available are not helpful for people with real issues. |
| Paul Anderson | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-24 | Too many young people suffering from mental health issues are being dumped by society. By supporting them now you prevent things deteriorating to the point where more money has to be spent resolving the problems. |
| Rosie Corrigan | Selby, United Kingdom | 2014-10-24 | Young people need support now more than ever. |

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| jackie Lambert | brighton, United Kingdom | 2014-10-24 | It is quite evident that it is vital to young peoples well being and a place to talk to people who can listen and support young people in their times of distress. I'm greatly disappointed our local councils do not support our communities ,and have not stood up against these imposed cuts by this government depriving our communities of our basic needs and rights. |
| Clare Palmer | Reading, United Kingdom | 2014-10-24 | Proper counselling and careers information is vital for young people in York |
| patricia sharp | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-24 | students/young people /York/need more support.g/mother |
| Jane Lund | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-25 | There is evidence that this centre works - please reconsider this decision! |
| George Alan Gerrard | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-25 | Because it provides vital counselling, advice and a careers service for the 16 to 25 year olds. |
| Penny Mitchell | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-25 | What about the problems many young people face that have nothing to do with education, employment or training? |
| rachel arnold | york, United Kingdom | 2014-10-25 | I agree with the cause! |
| Moyra Jones | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-26 | Valuable resource to support and guide young people |
| Helen Fairburn | york, United Kingdom | 2014-10-26 | Castlegate provides vital services for young vulnerable people in York at the time whne they need it most. To remove such a service would be highly detrimental. |
| christine marson | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-26 | We should as a society help our vuberable young people, not remove this provision |
| Daniel Seamark | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-27 | I am a counsellor at York College. Castlegate is a good service which we signpost our clients to if they wish for ongoing support/information that our service simply cannot provide. The reduction of this service will burden other, already strained organizations and remove support for those who are increasingly in need of it. |
| Kelly Walker | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-28 | Castlegate is and contiunes to be a fantastic provison for young people aged 16-25. The staff who work there offer a non judgemental, open minded , accessible service. I have referred young people form CAMHS who did not wish to purse a 'mental health service' and have found CAsTlegate an amazing, sensitive place for young people toaccess counselling and many more avenues of support. This would not function in a building which effectively mops up all council buisness in one place. When are the people who pull the purse strings going to sit up and take notice. These young people are our future, they need to feel heard and supported to become resilient, positive people who feel confident about growing up in the already ever challenging world we live in. Keep the faith! Kelly Walker CAMHS nurse |
| K Fearon | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-29 | Young people need to be treated in confidence away from visible signs of authority like a council building. |
| jennifer clayton | Lincoln, United Kingdom | 2014-10-30 | Until recently I lived in York and I personally know a lot of people who have benefited enormously from the counselling service at Castlegate. |
| Kevin McCaighy | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-30 | A service such as this is indispensible to the community and the city as a whole. Its closure must be fully opposed by everyone |
| Jan Williams | Knaresborough, United Kingdom | 2014-10-30 | Young people already face a more difficult future than the previous generation because of the Condem cuts. We should not undermine their future - an |
| julie toyne | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-31 | Young people need a service that is accesible and caters for them in York |

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| Rosy Cartwright | York, United Kingdom | 2014-10-31 | Young people must have a safe, confidential and welcoming place to go when they need advice and support. |
| Kim Varty | Penrith, United Kingdom | 2014-11-01 | I am signing because young people this age need all the support they can get. They do not ASK for help because they do not want to SAY that they need it. But a drop in centre is somewhere they can access the help they need, get support, have someone there for them. Having experienced the grief of a family member committing suicide, I wish he had been able to go to a drop in centre like this. If the councillors remove this provision I hope they do not feel they 'Blood on their hands' if a young person has no help they feel they can access/want to access and go down this route |
| Anne Rylatt | York, United Kingdom | 2014-11-02 | I have two sons in this age group and know that easily-accessed support for the age group is essential and not just about EET |
| Carole Jackson | York, United Kingdom | 2014-11-05 | The disabled young people we work with view Castlegate as a safe and friendly place to get valuable advice and information. Many of them find West Offices too intimidating to visit on their own. The team at Castlegate does a brilliant job in supporting and empowering young people and it will be sad loss if its unique service is scrapped to save a relatively small sum of money. |
| Lynda Corker | York, United Kingdom | 2014-11-05 | young people who are at their most vulnerable, need a confidential and welcoming space for counselling. The West Offices cannot provide this and may put young people off seeking the help they need |
| Emily Collins | York, United Kingdom | 2014-11-06 | I work with vulnerable young people. Castlegate is a comfortable and essential space for them which cannot be replicated in West Offices. |
| miriam hodgson | York, United Kingdom | 2014-11-06 | Castlegate counselling is an invaluable service to my patients (I am a GP) |